

INSPECTION REPORT

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<input type="checkbox"/>	New Situation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Response to request
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Follow-up

Date: February 18, 2015

Operator: Black Tea Oil, LLC

License: 34639

Address: 1014 E 29th Street

Location: NE 25-14s-33w

City/St: Hays, KS

Lease: McGuire C

Phone: 785-259-0550

County: Logan

Reason for investigation: Follow-up inspection regarding the McGuire C1 reserve pit

Problem: Non-reported spill discovered

Findings:

- February 16, 2015 during a follow-up inspection checking the status of the illegal reserve pit associated with the McGuire C1 (API: 15-109-21381-00-00) located in the SW SW SE NE of the above listed section (GPS: 38.80831, -100.93233, Footages: 2270 FNL & 1260 FEL) KCC District 4 Staff discovered a non-reported spill.
- The spill was evident due to oil staining on a large area to the west of the well location. District staff investigated further and found evidence of clean-up efforts, indicating that the operator did in fact have prior knowledge of the spillage.
- The areal extent of the spill was determined to encompass an intermittent stream approximately one-third of a mile in length from the spill's origin near the well location, to its terminus in the midpoint of the Smoky Hill River.
- Several isolated pools of heavy oil and oil stained soils and vegetation remain in the stream, and small, scattered mats of oil remain in the river channel.
- On February 17, 2015, operator was advised through Gerald Achatz to report the spill the National Response Center (NRC).
- Operator reported spill to NRC on February 17, 2015, as a 1BBL loss of oil, and that no waterways were affected, that clean-up had been completed, and all materials were removed.
- Operator reported to the NRC that the spill had occurred on the 19th of December 2014.

Photos: 15

Action /recommendations:

- Operator is in violation of K.A.R. 82-3-603(b) for failure to report a spill to the district office.
- Operator is in violation of K.A.R. 82-3-603(e) for failure to cleanup spill within 10 days.
- Notice of violation and incident report was sent to operator on February 18, 2015.
- Matter referred to legal for fine determination and additional action.

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cc: file

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Viewing stained area from the south. Illegal pit is visible near the right edge of the picture, well is just out of frame. Sand was pushed down presumably over a portion of the spill.



Viewing stain toward the northwest



Sand appears to have been dumped and pushed into the spill area.



One of several pools of residual oil found in the stream

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One of several pools of residual oil found in the stream with discarded packaging from the environmental absorbent used at the spill location

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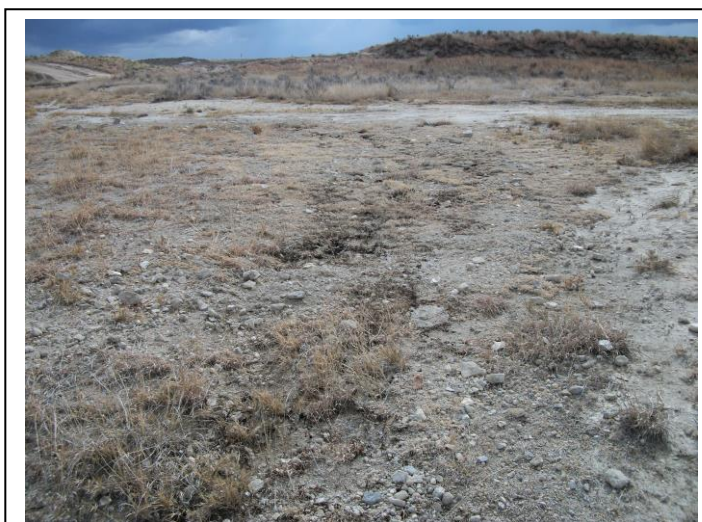
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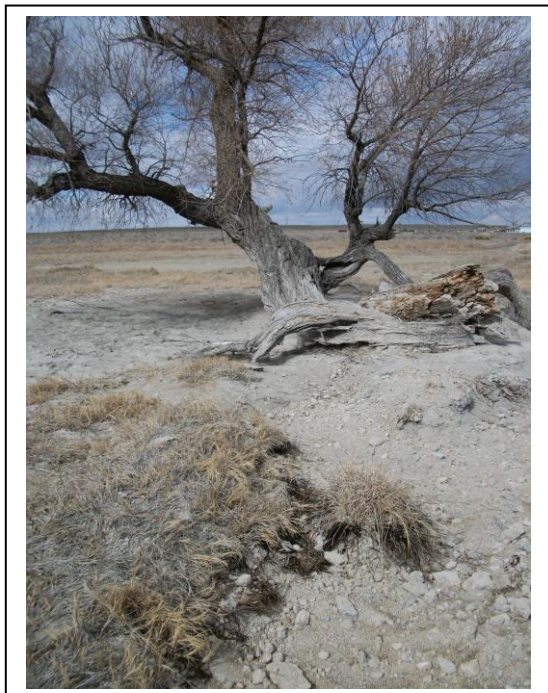


Dirt was pushed across the stream at this point, likely to impound the flow of the spilled fluids, or fluids used during clean-up operations.



Fluids ran beyond the point of impoundment and left light oil staining on soils and vegetation which is visible as a darker area in the center of the picture.

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Light staining and residual oil trapped in vegetation alongside of stream.



Small oil mat in the Smoky Hill River and what appears to be a fluid recovery hole.

